

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2676, IRA Restructuring and Reform Act.

The House passed H.R. 2358, Political Freedom In China Act.

The House passed H.R. 2195, Laogai Slave Labor Products Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1370–1381, S. Con. Res. 61–63, and S. Res. 143. **Pages S11763–64**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1079, to permit the leasing of mineral rights, in any case in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and held trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–139) **Page S11763**

Measures Passed:

Veterans' Compensation: Senate passed H.R. 2367, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11790**

Native American Housing: Senate passed S. 714, to extend and improve the Native American Veterans Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to services for homeless veterans, and to extend certain other authorities of the Secretary, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11790–91**

American Legion Act Technical Correction: Senate passed S. 1377, to amend the Act incorporating the American Legion to make a technical correction. **Pages S11791–92**

Printing Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 143, to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Election Law Guidebook. **Page S11792**

Printing Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 61, authorizing printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag". **Page S11792**

Printing Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 62, authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made". **Page S11792**

Printing Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 63, authorizing printing of the pamphlet entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America". **Page S11792**

Use of Official Mail Extension: Senate passed S. 1378, to extend the authorization of use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children. **Page S11792**

Reciprocal Trade Agreement/Fast Track: Senate began consideration of S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements. **Pages S11711–53**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 294), Senate agreed to a motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S11711–53**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, on Thursday, November 6, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S11792**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 293 EX), James S. Gwin, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

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William P. Greene, Jr., of West Virginia, to be an Associate Judge of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Nancy Jo Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Amelia Ellen Shippy, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Nancy Killefer, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Jo Ann Jay Howard, of Texas, to be Federal Insurance Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Richard F. Keevey, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Barbara K. Bodine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Johnny Young, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Jacques Gansler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

Richard J. Griffin, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Robin Lynn Raphel, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Duncan T. Moore, of New York, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Joseph Thompson, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Hank Brown, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring April 6, 2000.

Penne Percy Korth, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2000.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. Pages S11792–93

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Darryl R. Wold, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001.

Rebecca M. Blank, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers. Page S11793

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—294) Pages S11716, S11753

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 6, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Assistant Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11793.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN U.S. SECURITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded hearings to examine the presence of foreign governments and companies, particularly China, in United States securities and banking sectors, and on S. 1315 and provisions of H.R. 2772, measures to establish an Office of National Security within the Securities and Exchange Commission, and provide for the monitoring of the extent of foreign involvement in United States securities markets, financial institutions, and pension funds, after receiving testimony from Representative Solomon; Roger W. Robinson, Jr., RWR, Inc., former Senior Director of International Economic Affairs, National Security Council, and Richard D. Fisher, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and R. Montana Quon, Potomac Foundation, McLean, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Linda Key Breathitt, of Kentucky, and Curt Herbert, Jr., of Mississippi, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.